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Dear Ron,

Having heard nothing from you, especially after my conversation with Billie, I have drafted what I outlined to her as an addition to the book rather than a magazine article. It will be too long for magazine use, but it can be cutm if anyone is interested. About 6,500 words.

There is a letter on this in the mail from the Secretary of State. I'll probably add a bit from that, depending on how super-Orwellian he is. Kleindienst was truly Big Brother's real brother, as you will see, if you ever have time to read, busy as you are.

When I have written the add and my wife retypes it I will send you a copy. Ordinarily, because it is current, on a stage so marvelously set by Agnew, I will also send Charlotte Wolfers a copy. However, if you do not want me to or think it is futile, I'd appreciate knowing, for even postage is a real problem today. If I hear nothing from you, I will send her a copy.

I had a visit today from a Mr. Binns(or Binnz), with Robert Luce Publishers (now without Luce, who has joined Time-Life in some capacity). He says they can be interested in both parts of COUP, condensed, and understands any deal would involve a mechanism for publication of the complete work, which he would condense. I gave him my last remaining set of both. Unless a glance turns him off, I cannot expect to hear from him until about the middle of next month, for he is about to leave the country for two weeks. I told him you are my agent. They distribute through McKay.

Having no copies, I have not been able to send Moore either part. I expect to see their man about the middle of the month also. Binns has an idea the Rabinowitz Foundation (the Rabinowitz who is the law partner of Boudin and, B says, is independently wealthy) might be interested in my work. And making it available.

Hope you all have a fine holiday.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg